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Methodists in the UK Respond to Venezuela's Humanitarian Emergency



The death toll in Venezuela following last week's back-to-back earthquakes is mounting, with more than 2,000 people dead and many more injured.

Christian Aid is one of the partners of the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC), which has launched an appeal this week to help provide emergency aid to survivors of the earthquake.

[Read more here](#)

[Donate to the DEC Venezuela Appeal here](#)

The Methodist Conference 2026

The new President and Vice-President begin their year in office



The Methodist Conference has elected and inducted the Revd Mark Slaney to serve as President and Caroline Stead to serve as Vice-President. The induction marks the start of their year in office.

[Read the President's Address here](#)



[Read the Vice-President's Address here](#)

Ordinations



This year, thirteen presbyters and two deacons were received into Full Connexion at the Conference. They were later ordained at churches in Shropshire and the West Midlands.

[Read about the ordinations here](#)

Rebecca Marshall was ordained at Shrewsbury Abbey during the week of the Conference.

[Read about Rebecca's journey here](#)

You can also listen to Rebecca's interview with BBC Radio Devon:

[Listen here \(Starts at 1:22\)](#)



The President and Vice-President have been designated for 2027/2028



The Methodist Conference has designated the Revd Dr Jennifer Smith to serve as President and Daniel Keen to serve as Vice-President for 2027/2028.

[Read more here](#)

What else has been happening at the Conference?

Online Communion



Following five years of deliberation, it was generally agreed that online celebrations of Holy Communion should be permitted in the Methodist Church. However, this will not come into force until the matter has received approval from the Synods.

[Read more here](#)

Palestine

The voices of Christians in Palestine have been heard by the Conference as they received the Kairos II document as part of the Mission Committee presentation. The document was created in response to the events in Gaza following 7 October 2023. It was launched last year as *A Moment of Truth: Faith in a Time of Genocide* and calls for justice and an urgent, global Christian response.

A Notice of Motion was put forward asking for a study resource to be produced based on Kairos II that can be used in churches. It also asked for the President of the Conference to write to the UK Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary and the governing bodies of other jurisdictions in which the Methodist Church in Britain has a presence, urging them to uphold international law and to take the actions outlined in the [Time To Act campaign](#). The President, the Revd Mark Slaney, along with All We Can and Christian Aid, is supporting the Time to Act Campaign.

[Read more about Kairos II here](#)

Artificial Intelligence

The Methodist Conference has debated and considered the usage and implications of artificial intelligence (AI) in training and other aspects of Church life.

[Read more here](#)

Net Zero

It was with reluctance that the Conference voted to remove the 2030 Net Zero target. However, it is still resolutely committed to reducing carbon emissions as soon as possible.

[Read more here](#)

Justice, Dignity and Solidarity

Five years after the adoption of the Justice, Dignity and Solidarity strategy, the Conference discussed its key achievements, such as the establishment of the JDS Committee and Scrutiny Group and identified challenges, including its uneven implementation across districts and circuits.

[Read more here](#)

3Generate

The Conference received the *3Generate and the Voices of Children and Young People* report, which among its recommendations encouraged more frequent and local gatherings for children and young people within circuits and districts, to enable the development of faith formation and fellowship.

[Read more here](#)

The Beckly Lecture

The 100th Beckly Lecture was delivered by Roland Fernandes, General Secretary of Global Ministries for the United Methodist Church. In a thought-provoking reflection on our frightening and disorientating age where old certainties are breaking apart, Mr Fernandes also offered an assurance that “in the light that emerges from these cracks we will find new insights”.

[Read more here](#)

Read daily round-ups of business conducted and decisions taken at the Methodist Conference 2026:

[Monday 29 June](#)

[Tuesday 30 June](#)

[Wednesday 1 July](#)

Apply to be a Conference Youth Rep



Join the Youth Rep team as the Methodist Conference Rep! You'll be elected for this role by children and young people of the Methodist Church. You'll then represent them at the Methodist Conference 2027.

It is a fantastic opportunity to speak on behalf of children and young people, and to work with other Youth Reps as you hear the voices of young people throughout the year. It's a chance to meet new people, grow in faith and to help make change happen in the Church! Applications close on 7 August. You must be 18–21 years old.

[Full details are here](#)



Leadership Year is a development programme for Methodist Church members aged 18–30 who want to grow their leadership skills, whether you are new to leadership or exploring future opportunities in church, work or community settings. The programme includes three residential weekends, optional mentoring and participation in a small group. It's a chance to connect with peers and to explore Christian leadership, and all that entails. There are 12 fully funded places available. Applications close on 20 September.

[Full details here](#)

Join us On The Way at 3Generate!



Celebrate the ever-unfolding journey of faith with us this October! Whether you're bringing a group or joining the volunteer team, we want you at 3Generate. With big, communal worship every day, over 20 venues across the site and a wide range of volunteer roles to enable young people to deepen their faith, there is something for everyone! Find out more about tickets and volunteering on our website:

[Visit the website here](#)

Listen Again

President's Address

The new President, the Revd Mark Slaney, made his address to the Conference.

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Vice-President's Address

The new Vice-President Caroline Stead, made her address to the Conference.

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Worship from the Methodist Church in Scotland

With contributions from the President the Revd Mark Slaney, who is also the Chair of the Shetland District and the Scotland District, and the Vice-President Caroline Stead.

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Reparative Justice

The Revd Dr Sonia Hicks, Chair of the Northampton District, speaking on BBC Radio Northampton about reparative justice and the need to learn from the mistakes of the past.

[Listen here at 27:52'](#)

Lincolnshire District

The Revd Angy Long, Chair of the Lincolnshire District, speaking on BBC Radio Lincolnshire's Weekend Breakfast Programme about the Conference and her role as a District Chair.

[Listen here at 1:42:48](#)

Pause for Thought on BBC Radio Two

"When I stop trying so hard to connect, I find myself drawn closer to others and to God."

In 'Parallel Human Activities', the Revd Trey Hall reflects that it's often easier to have meaningful conversations when you're beside someone rather than face-to-face.

[Listen here](#)

Be a Part of the Connexional Team

If you're interested in being a part of the Connexional Team or interested in volunteering with the Methodist Church, then take a look to see what roles are available. Please make sure to share if you know of anyone who may be interested.

[Take a look at our job and volunteering opportunities](#)

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